Third leaves from twenty to thirty-five pairs, placed nearly oppoſite, loweſt pair largeſt, diminiſhing upwards till they are loſt in the termination of the ſecond leaves.

Lobes ten or twelve pairs, oppoſite, a few of the firſt pairs divided down to the nerve, confluent at the point, where they are loſt in the blunt crenated termination of the third leaf; they are of an oblong figure, blunt at the extremity, where they are deeply crenated with three or four dents.

The number of theſe lobes, on a large and well-grown leaf, I have found to exceed five and thirty thouſand; the whole of a fine green; the ſubſtance light, tender and very delicate, and in point of beauty and elegance much ſuperior to any other of the Britiſh ferns.

Seed veſſels in round dots, one on each lobe near the diviſion at its baſe, at firſt white, afterwards green, and at laſt brown.

My figure is reduced by a ſcale of twenty-four ſuppoſed inches, on ſix inches of the ſtandard foot. The branch, with ſeed veſſels, is taken from a ſmall, or middle-ſized ſpecimen, and, drawn of its natural bigneſs.

Female Fern grows in the moiſt part of rocky woods, and about brooks and rivulets in the Weſt-riding of Yorkſhire. In rocky moiſt places beſide Lee Beck near Halifax plentifully.

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